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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly - Joint Committee on Fair Practices - Oversight -**  
3 **Minority Business Enterprise Activities**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Joint Committee on Fair Practices to review the  
5 Minority Business Enterprise Program; and generally relating to the oversight  
6 of Minority Business Enterprise activities by the Joint Committee on Fair  
7 Practices.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Chapter 347 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996  
10 Section 7 1.(a)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1996**

14 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
15 read as follows:

16 1. Legislative Joint Committee on Fair Practices.

17 (a) There is a Joint Committee on Fair Practices, which [has oversight  
18 over matters in State government of equal employment opportunity policies and  
19 practices and procurement practices made under Executive Order]:

20 (I) SHALL OVERSEE MATTERS IN STATE GOVERNMENT OF EQUAL  
21 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICIES AND PRACTICES AND PROCUREMENT  
22 PRACTICES MADE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER; AND

23 (II) SHALL REVIEW THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
24 PROGRAM.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2003.

